

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 17th November 2013

IRTS - EI6IJ Fund in support of Affiliated Clubs

Each year, in order to promote Amateur Radio to the public, the IRTS Committee will consider the awarding of a number of grants to Affiliated Clubs. Further information and terms and conditions are on the IRTS website at www.irts.ie/EI6IJ

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society – EI7DAR

Bobby MI0RYL will be giving a talk and slide show on Cashton, Castles and Stately homes on the air, in the club premises of Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, Castletown Road on Wednesday 20th November /at/ 8pm, all members and visitors will be made very welcome. Refreshments and chat available after the meeting. Talk in available on 145.675 MHz.

Hurdy Gurdy Radio Museum

Some photos from the Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio, which was held at the Vintage Fashion and Decor Fair, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, Sunday November 10th 2013 are available on the following link bit.ly/1j7fyIS

Limerick – Radio Theory Classes

Radio theory classes in preparation for the next Amateur Station License will begin in January 2014. The classes will be held in Limerick City, and anyone from Region 4, which comprises Clare, Kerry, Limerick & Tipperary, are welcome to attend. If you are interested please contact Ger McNamara EI4GXB via email ei4gxb/at/gmail/dot/com or by phone to 087 2532512 / 061 354922

The 5MHz Newsletter (No.8 Autumn 2013)

The latest edition of The 5 MHz Newsletter - No 8 Autumn 2013 - is now available.

As well as the latest 5 MHz news, there are also features on emcom messaging with an international dimension, RSGB 5 MHz consultation, new URL for Hack Green SDR, more 5 MHz Analysis, South African 60m Activity Weekend with temporary Beacon and 5 MHz crystals. Wrapping it up is news of a Internet TV interview with IARU's Larry Price, W4RA, explaining the workings of WRCs and the ITU.

It's downloadable free from tinyurl.com/ouaalv6

Philippines Typhoon Disaster

Ramon DU1UGZ, of the Philippines Amateur Radio Association (PARA), said its Ham Emergency Radio Operator or HERO network is working inside the disaster areas, and sending messages on HF and VHF elsewhere in the archipelago. The Pilipino National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) has now used the HERO network for several messages. The NTC has also decided to provide hams in the area with mobile rigs and hand-held portables.

New Amateur Radio Satellites in November

Over the next two weeks three new satellites will be deployed. Two of the satellites will provide 435/145 MHz linear transponders for SSB/CW communications. A full list of amateur satellites to be launched can be viewed on bit.ly/1cmHSlq

Phoenix Amateur Radio Annual Rally

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club are pleased to announce that the annual Coolmine Radio Rally in Coolmine Community School, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 will take place on Sunday February 16th 2014. Doors open at 11am and admission is €5.00. For table bookings please contact Tony on 087 2439997.

DX News

Two Czech operators, OK6DJ and OK1FCJ, will be QRV from Burkina Faso from 17 – 26 November. They will use the callsigns XT26DJ and XT2FCJ. They plan to be on all bands 160 – 10m. QSLs will be handled by OK6DJ.

A number of European amateurs will travel to the Ivory Coast and sign TU5AX, TU5XV and TU5NK from 17 – 30 November. Look for them on 160m – 6m CW,

SSB and RTTY.

A multi-national team is on its way to activate Swaziland from 16 – 27 November. The callsign is 3DA0ET and their QTH is a rustic lodge near the town of Piggs Peak. They will be on all HF bands as well as 6m. They will also take part in the CQ WW CW DX Contest on the weekend of 23/24 November. The QSL Manager is N7RO.

An expedition to the Laccadive Islands (also known as the Lakshadweep Islands) will take place for about 14 days during the period 20 November – 10 December. The callsign will be VU7AG and operation will be from Agatti Island. This is quite a rare DXCC location and it is planned to have 3 stations running a minimum of 400w on all bands 160 – 10m using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSLs will go via W4VKU.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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